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TOPIC Military Activities in the Infantry Division Prenzlau Area

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Total	201	904
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The low strength of the reconnaissance battalion was due to the fact that it was being newly activated.

- b. 2d Inf Regt Prenzlau

Unit	Officers	NCOs and EM
Regimental headquarters inclusive of 5 officers and 20 NCOs and EM of the artillery ordnance supply section	38	26
Regimental school	11	114
Motor transport company	8	62
Service platoon		34
Headquarters personnel platoon		11
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Gas defense platoon		4	
** Dispensary and detention room	undetermined		25X1
1st Bn	45	311	
2d Bn	34	182	
3d Bn	34	144	
Reconnaissance unit	5	31	
Signal unit	5	37	
Engineer unit	5	39	
AT unit	6	41	
AAA unit	2	16	
Mortar unit	7	42	
SP unit	2	20	
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Total	204	1,128	1

2. Prior to 15 December, no normal training activity was resumed at the 2d Inf Regt as large portions of the enlisted men were still absent for turnip-harvesting.
3. A considerable portion of the officers of Infantry Division Prenzlau was reassigned. Other reassignments, particularly to Armeegruppe Sued, were announced. The units of Armeegruppe Sued were allegedly scheduled to be replenished under priority. For this reason no more replacements were scheduled for assignment to Infantry Division Prenzlau:

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4. Several courses of training with heavy weapons, particularly for Armeegruppe Sued, were to be held in the Torgelow area in 1955.
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Division headquarters	88	34
Headquarters personnel company	8	59
Motor transport equipment supply department	6	68
Motor-vehicle maintenance department	9	38
Signal unit , bakery, company, motor unit , gas defense, unit, unit ranging and sound-ranging unit	71	627
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